

CCCMA Emerging Managers

2026 SUMMER CAMP

Montrose Pavilion & Event Center

July 23 & 24

THURSDAY, JULY 23

10:00a – 10:30a

Pre-Launch & Crew Assembly (Conference Check-In)

10:30a – 10:40a

T-Minus Zero: Conference Kick-off

10:40a – 10:50a

Welcome to Launch Pad Montrose: Bill Bell, Montrose City Manager

10:50a – 11:30a

The Next Frontier of Public Service Leadership: Mike Bennett, Grand Junction City Manager

11:30a – 12:00p

Fueling for Launch (Lunch)

12:00p – 12:45p

Flight Readiness Review: Aligning Your Leadership Style for Executive Roles: Shannon Vassen, Fruita City Manager

12:45p – 1:00p

Planet Lab

1:00p – 2:00p

Artificial Intelligence Briefing: Sam Light, CIRSA Deputy Executive Director/General Counsel

2:00p – 2:15p

Planet Lab

2:15p – 3:15p

Leaving the Atmosphere: Transitioning From High Performer to People Leader: John Trylch, Fountain Assistant City Manager

3:15-4:30p

How to Build Gravitational Influence Without a Formal Title (Panel):

Jon Waschbusch, Montrose Parks Superintendent

Amanda Wilson, Gunnison City Manager

Mike Bordogna, San Miguel County Manager

Michelle Metteer, Ouray City Manager

4:30p – 4:45p

Day 1 Close

5:00p – 7:00p **Reception at The Rye & The Rose:** Hors d'oeuvres & Beverages
Special thanks to CIRSA for sponsoring the Reception

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9:00a

The Second Stage: Day 2 Ignition & Welcome Back!

9:00a – 9:30a

Deep Space Network: Breakfast & Coffee with a Manager or Senior Advisor

9:30a – 10:30a

AI in the Next Frontier of Public Service: Bill Shrum, Downtown Colorado Inc. Director of Operations, with support from CU Denver School of Public Affairs

10:30a – 10:45a

Planet Lab

10:45a – 11:45a

The Telemetry of Tone: Communication and Public Speaking for Emerging Leaders: Melissa Gallegos, Lone Tree Director of Communications

11:45a – 12:00p

Planet Lab

12:00p – 1:00p

Navigating Asteroid Fields: Policy, Politics, and Professionalism while Bringing Joy into the Workplace (Panel):

Jennifer Hoffman, Broomfield City & County Manager
Ann Morgenthauer, Montrose Deputy City Manager
Zoe Dohnal, Telluride Town Manager

1:00p – 1:10p

Houston, the Eagle has Landed: Conference Wrap-up

Lunch: On your way out, grab lunch in Montrose with a lunch voucher!

OPTIONAL: AFTER SUMMER CAMP

For those staying through Saturday:

4:00p – 10:00p: **Arrive and Camp Set Up**

5:30p – 10:00p: **Networking at Big B's Fruit Stand** (Dinner & drinks available for purchase)

SATURDAY, JULY 25 ROCKIN' THE RIVER (SEPARATE REGISTRATION)

8:45a : **Meet at Western Slope SUP Shop: 185 W Bridge St, Hotchkiss, CO 81419**

9:00a – 1:00p: **Colorado Women Leading Government Rockin' the River Float Trip**